

P-20 Council Special Meeting Notes
Buck Library, Buena Vista Conference Center
New Castle, DE
Monday, February 27, 2017

Welcome

Secretary of Education Susan Bunting welcomed Council members to the special meeting. The meeting was called to order. As there were new attendees to the Council, members introduced themselves and brief background information.

Members present: Donna Johnson, Susan Bunting, Kelly Sherretz, Kendall Massett, Deb Stevens, Justina Sapna, Joanne Finnigan, Jeff Gibson, Jim Wilson, Rep. Earl Jaques, Carling Ryan, Alison Boord White, Kimberly Sudler, Jon Sheehan, Mark DiMaio, Matt Burrows and Ashley Dalzell-Gray.

Others present: Ariana Minella, Janine Sorbello, and Jenna Bucsak.

P-20 Council Business

Approval of Minutes

It was noted that a quorum of the Council was present. A motion was made by Mr. Gibson to approve the minutes from the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Rep. Jaques and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Review of P-20 Statute, Existing Mission and Vision and Recent Initiatives

Donna Johnson, Executive Director for the State Board of Education and staff for the P-20 Council provided background information on the history of the P-20 Council that was enacted by Executive Order under Governor Minner. P-20 was later placed in statute as was the Council's membership. The Council is co-chaired by the Secretary of Education and the President of the State Board of Education. The membership was revised in 2013 as additional Cabinet agencies were added. Ms. Johnson noted that the goals of P-20 as noted in a 2009 report focus on early care through higher education and the transition from pre-school to middle school, middle school to high school and high school to college or working environment. The Bylaws of the P-20 Council were adopted in 2004.

Ms. Johnson provided information on various subcommittees of the P-20 Council over the years as well as the significant accomplishments of the Council:

- Statewide definition of College and Career readiness
- Data Governance – handbook, scope of work included creation of data sharing agreements for higher ed and DOE

- Supportive Council for Early Learning Challenge Grant, Race to the Top, and Longitudinal Data Grant
- DEWS – Dropout Early Warning System
- Higher Education Transfer of Credit Matrix
- Development of DE-CAN
- Assisted in development of the Longitudinal data system

Council members that served on some of the subcommittees provided feedback on the work of the subcommittees. The Council currently has two active subcommittees: ELA and Math Committees to address remediation rates. Rep. Jaques suggested that all Council members receive a listing of who serves on these committees.

The Council received information on other states that have similar councils. In 2010, 38 states had either a P-16 or a P-20 Council.

Role of P-20 Council and Opportunities for Revision

The Council broke into small groups with each group addressing the areas of Mission and Vision, Goals, Research Agenda and Membership/Attendance. After each group addressed each of the areas feedback was presented to the Council.

It was noted that the Council wished that the new Secretaries for the agencies that serve on P-20 had attended the meeting and participated in the discussion and dialogue. It is hoped that at the April 10th meeting the Council can receive recommendations and suggestions based on discussions.

Closing/Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is April 10, 2017.